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SUBJECT: THAI NARCOTICS POLICY

REF: A. BANGKOK 1548 B. BANGKOK 1840

1. KRIANGSAK'S COMMENTS ON A "BETTER ORGANIZATIONAL  
ARRANGEMENT" FOR NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT (PARA 4, REF A)  
MAY HAVE RECEIVED FURTHER ELABORATION BY MAJOR GENERAL  
ARD CHATINUGROB DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON.  
DURING A CALL ON EA/TIMBS AND INR OFFICERS ON JAN 13,  
ARD SAID THAT KRIANGSAK ASKED HIM TO STRESS THE HIGH  
PRIORITY THE RTG NOW PLACES ON EFFECTIVE NARCOTICS CONTROL.  
ARD FURTHER NOTED THAT THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM WAS INTER-  
NATIONAL AND THAT THAILAND NEEDED HELP IN CARRYING OUT ITS  
SUPPRESSION EFFORTS. ONE PROBLEM FACING THE THAI, ARD

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SAID, WAS THAT AS A RESULT OF THE U.S. REWARD SYSTEM FOR  
NARCOTICS SEIZURES, THE BPP WERE SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME  
ON LUCRATIVE NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION WHILE NEGLECTING THEIR  
PRIMARY BORDER SECURITY MISSION. WHAT IS NEEDED, SAID ARD,  
IS A NEW NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION ORGANIZATION, SEPARATE FROM  
THE BPP, WHICH WOULD HANDLE ALL NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT. THE  
U.S. ROLE WOULD BE TO PROVIDE THE EQUIPMENT FOR THIS

ORGANIZATION (EXPLICITLY HELICOPTERS) WHICH WOULD THEN BE RETURNED TO THE U.S. "WHEN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING HAD BEEN ELIMINATED".

2. ARD COMMENTED SEVERAL TIMES THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY KRIANGSAK TO EMPHASIZE THE NARCOTICS ISSUE WITH US. IN VIEW OF ARD'S CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH KRIANGSAK, IT APPEARS LIKELY HE WAS CONVEYING A MESSAGE FROM THE PM AND THAT THE THAI ARE HOPING FOR NEW, MAJOR COMMODITY ASSISTANCE FOR NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT. WE ALSO NOTE THAT KRIANGSAK EXPRESSED A NEED FOR MORE HELICOPTERS IN HIS TALK WITH CONGRESSMAN WOLFF (REF B).

3. ALTHOUGH UNDER CURRENT CONDITIONS, WE VIEW MAJOR NEW COMMODITY ASSISTANCE FOR ENFORCEMENT AS A NON-STARTER, WE WILL WITHHOLD FORMAL JUDGMENT PENDING CLARIFICATION OF ANY THAI PLANS AND INTENTIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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